

# AMERICAN EMBASSY

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF (PEPFAR) U.S. AMBASSADOR'S SMALL GRANTS FUND

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is pleased to announce the release of the Second Round of Funding for the U.S. Ambassador's PEPFAR Small Grants Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Ambassador's PEPFAR Small Grants Fund is a highly competitive Ambassadorial program designed to assist communities with projects that promote HIV/AIDS prevention and care for those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

The objective of the second round of funding is to support innovative programs/activities in the area of care and support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). These activities are intended to fill a need in each community, reaching large numbers of community members.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:** Local organizations, communities or groups, community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), and groups of persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs).

**PROJECT CRITERIA (not inclusive):**

1. Projects must be within the means and skills of the community to operate, and the majority of project activities should be completed by the end of the PEPFAR fiscal year (**31 March 2007**) regardless of when funding is received.
2. Grants will be given to groups or communities who have a proven record of accomplishment of project objectives. The groups must have evidence of successful projects that have been carried out over two years. Serious consideration will be given to groups who submit applications with realistic, specific, and well thought out budgets and thoroughly planned proposals. *Applicants must provide evidence that the organization requesting funds is legally registered in Zambia.*
3. Projects should address an immediate need and have a demonstrable impact on OVC services in the community and must benefit a large number of recipients.
4. PEPFAR funds cannot provide money for regular salaries, religious instruction, construction, research, or general operating expenses (including rent, utilities, etc).

**FUNDING AMOUNT:** The maximum amount that can be requested for each project is **\$10,000**. Only in rare cases will budgets exceeding \$10,000 be considered.

**PROJECT DURATION:** Projects must be completed by the end of the PEPFAR fiscal year (**31 March 2007**) regardless of when the funding is received. Funding will be issued through Cooperative Agreements.

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**CLOSING DATE: 12:30 hours, Monday September 4, 2006.** Applications/proposals sent by registered post or received after the deadline will not be considered.